



Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:30PM

40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman C. Eric Butler; Committee Members Ed Kinowski, Michele Madigan, Ian Murray, Jean Raymond, Mo Wright, Cynthia Young.

Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; George Conway, Samantha Kupferman, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Jeff Williams, Planning & Economic Development; Jenniffer McCloskey, Employment & Training; Blue Neils, Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Madigan, the minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Butler announced the appointment of Supervisor Wright as Committee Vice-Chair.

Mr. Kemper gave an overview of the Economic Development Grant program. Discussion ensued regarding the large number of outstanding grants. Mr. Kemper agreed to provide a full overview of outstanding grants and estimated completion times.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Madigan, Committee approval of the 2022 Economic Development Grant project reimbursement; and authorizing a transfer of funds from the Economic Development Grant Reserve Fund and amending the 2024 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

The project reimbursement is for the Town of Corinth in the amount of \$14,200.

Mr. Kemper provided an overview of the recent annual Planning Conference. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kemper referred to updates provided in his memo which was submitted with the agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Kinowski, to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to sign and certify a Notice of Intent for continuation of coverage under the NYSDEC SPDES General Permit for Municipal Stormwater Discharges. Unanimous.

Ms. McCloskey reported that several job fairs are currently being organized, one in February on site at QUAD and another in April at the City Center. Ms. McCloskey provided updates from the Department of Workforce Development regarding other job fairs, EMT training, Childcare desert area grants, NYSAC Counties for Career Success program, Criminal Justice grants. Ms. McCloskey also provided a State of the Workforce report from NYATEP. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kinowski reported that Saratoga Lake does not have a salt problem and that an informative document was released by SLPID.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Kinowski, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese M. Connolly
Clerk of the Board